

ABSTRACT

By using xylobiose or xylooligosaccharide containing xylobiose as a main ingredient in place of lactulose, there is provided a blood ammonia lowering agent, a therapeutic agent of hyperammonemia or a therapeutic agent of hepatic encephalopathy that need be administered in smaller doses and which have no concern over side effects.

Lactulose conventionally used as such drugs has to be administered in high doses and involves a safety problem when administered to patients with galactosemia or diabetes mellitus. The drug of the invention which contains xylobiose as a main ingredient solves these problems.